[Translation]

Central Adoption Resource Agency

5394. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN *alias* PAPPU YADAV: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which the Central Adoption Resource Agency was set up alongwith the purpose thereof;

(b) the details of the programmes implemented in Bihar by the said Agency so far and the programmes proposed to be implemented in the forthcoming years;

(c) whether any programme is proposed to be implemented for the welfare of the helpless children of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes of most backward district Purnea; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) was set up on 28.6.90 by the Ministry of Welfare, as per the directions of the Supreme Court in Laxmi Kant Pandey Vs. Union of India case. The main objective of CARA is to act as a clearing house of information in regard to children available for in-country and inter-country adoption and to regulate, monitor and develop programmes for the rehabilitation of children through adoption. The Ministry of Welfare through CARA is implementing the Central Sector Scheme of Assistance to Homes (Shishu Greh) for Infants to promote in-country adoption since 1992-93, wherein assistance is given to Voluntary Organisations for running of Children's Homes and placement of children in Indian Adoption. Recognition is also given by CARA to Voluntary Agencies for doing inter-country adoptions.

(b) So far the State Government of Bihar has not forwarded any proposals from the Voluntary Agencies in the State of Bihar for availing assistance under the Shishu Greh Scheme or for recognition to process the cases of inter-country adoption.

(c) and (d) The revised guidelines on Adoption has been notified on 29.5.1995 and circulated to all State Governments including Bihar. The State Government inter-alia maintain a list of all agencies handling in-country and inter-country adoption of children and identify those institutions/agencies which have children who are legally free for adoption. The State Government should recognise Indian adoption agencies for in-country adoption as per the procedure laid down and forward applications of Indian agencies seeking recognition for inter-country adoption to the Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA).

So far we have not received any communication from Bihar Government, forwarding proposals of any Voluntary Organisation for either grants under Shishu Greh Scheme or for recognition to process cases for inter-country adoption for Purnea District.

The programmes of Shishu Greh as well as recognition of Voluntary Organisation for inter-country adoption is for children who are destitute, orphaned, abandoned and relinquished, irrespective of caste or religion.

[English]

Armed Passenger Boarded on Private Aircraft

5395. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an armed passenger boarded on private Airlines aircraft at Jammu Airport while the aircraft was about to take off from the taxi holding position;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such an act is a major security lapse; and

(d) if so, the steps and action taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Minority in Cinema

5396. SHRI NAVAL KISHORE RAI :
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state .

(a) whether the depiction of christians in films and especially assigning christian names to Villians and other bad people has come to the notice of the Government as reported in the 'Daily Tribune' dated July 8, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard so far ?

The MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Archbishop of Bombay has forwarded to Government a letter from the Catholic Communication Centre, Bombay, which refers to complaints from the Christian community about depiction of Christians in films in a bad light, especially assigning Christian names to villians and other bad people.

Feature films are, by definition, fictionalised story films. The representation of the ills of a society is often unavoidable in a portrayal seeking to drive home a larger message.

Freedom to produce and exhibit films comes under the domain of 'freedom of speech and expression'. A film-maker has, therefore, the freedom to choose the names for the characters in his films, subject, of course, to the reasonable restrictions mentioned in the Constitution.

Government have issued guidelines to the Central Board of Film Certification under Section 5B (2) of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 for certification of films. According to guideline 2(xii), while examining films for certification, the Board shall, *inter alia*, ensure that visuals or words contemptuous of racial, religious or other groups are not presented. Scenes considered by the Board as objectionable in terms of the guidelines are deleted from films before certification.

In May 1996 the Central Board of Film Certification has written to all the film producers' associations drawing attention to the above guideline and requesting them to keep in mind the complaint from the Christian community *inter alia*, while making films.

[English]

VRS in PSU

5397. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employees in PSU's opted for VRS as on March 31, 1995;

(b) the number of companies in West Bengal have not paid the P.F. and gratuity of retrenched or retired employees as complained by the workers to Regional P.F. Commissioner and the number of such workers; and

(c) the steps taken by the P.F. authority to recover it?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) As on 30.6.1996, there were 89,370 employees of the CPSUs who availed of Voluntary Retirement Scheme with assistance from the National Renewal Fund.

(b) and (c) There are 53 establishments which have defaulted in payment of provident fund dues. Complaints from four employees belonging to Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation and Jessop and Company have also been received in this regard. The RPFC, West Bengal held a meeting with the officers of the concerned PSUs. They have been asked to deposit PF dues immediately for facilitating quick payment to the retired/retrenched workers. As regards, non-payment of gratuity any complaint, as and when received, is brought to the notice of the concerned Ministry for appropriate action.

Use of Indian Air Force Airports

5398. SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether some Indian Air Force Airports are being used by the Indian Airlines and Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to construct separate civil airports in those places; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines operates to/from Srinagar, Jammu, Chandigarh, Jodhpur, Jamnagar, Bhuj, Agra, Bagdogra, Silchar, Tezpur, Jorhat, Pune and Gwalior airports belonging to Indian Air Force.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Telephone Services at Singur (WB)

5399. SHRI RUPCHAND PAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any representations for improvement in the telephone services at Singur now under Serampore Telephone Exchange (62) under Calcutta telephones; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far to improve the services there ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steps are being taken to establish new Electronic Exchange at Singur to cater to Subscribers of Singur local area.

[Translation]

Action Taken for Recovery of Outstanding Dues of P.F.

5400. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken so far for recovering the outstanding dues of Provident Fund and Employees Insurance Fund from Hindustan Samachar Audhogik Sahayog Samiti Limited;

(b) the number of cases registered against Managers and Officers;

(c) the number of persons who have been arrested;

(d) the results of the various steps taken; and

(e) the other steps being taken to ensure the recovery?